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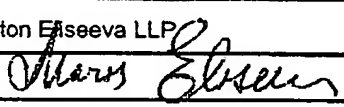
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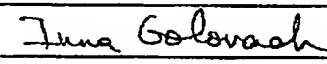
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In response to the pending Office Action, mailed June 19, 2006 (Paper No. 20060613), please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

-amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims in section a);

Finally, reconsideration is requested in view of the remarks set forth in section b).